

## LITTLE OLD LADY EXPLAINS

Simply Couldn't Help Telling Men They Were Unnecessarily Worried Over Tin Plate Shortage.

The war is mothering a race of giant problems, but there are always atoms.

She was a little old lady in the chignon class, except that the ribbons were black not to match her bonnet. And her collar was pinned with an ancient cameo set in twisted gold, thin and battered, as if Father Time had used it to cut his teeth on—the sort of cameo that you either consider priceless or junk, according to the way you look at things—and a silver-spangled black fan. She was winnowing the fan with gentle regularity when her interest was caught by a newspaper headline which a man read out to another man seated with him directly in front. The men were discussing the subject with obvious concern when the old lady, moved with compassion, leaned forward and touched the reader with her fan.

"Pardon me, gentlemen, but as a housekeeper for many years, I think I can relieve your anxiety. Tin plates have not been in use for ages. Even tin plates are made of graniteware now. When I was a bride I took a great pride in my row of shining tins, and my cook was equally careful, but the times have changed—I think I may say there is no demand whatever."

Those two men—God bless them!—after the puzzle in their eyes had given way to humorous understanding, thanked the little old lady most appreciatively. They even came across a sudden joke to lay their chuckles on.

And they made no further reference to "The Tinplate Shortage."

## YOUTHS GET BITTER LESSON

American Boys in France Acknowledge Their Gallic Compeers Have Been Better Educated.

I ran up yesterday to a beautiful old French town where three of our American boys, rather excited by their work in France, have been put in training as artillery officers. When they pass their examinations and get the galous as second lieutenants they will take command in French regiments at the front.

They had been chosen by competitive examination for entrance into the school.

"I'm having a hard time keeping up," said one of the boys. "It's not only French—and if you think you know this language, try some technical stuff—and find how much you don't know—it's general knowledge. They run rings around me in mathematics and physics—and what they know they know certainly and accurately. English and American schools and colleges don't turn out such scholars as those."

It is being borne upon me that continental boys get a great deal more education out of their schools than ours of the English-speaking races. I am sure it is so with the French and Italians, and it must be so with the Germans. I wonder, sometimes, if the day of the picturesque college loafer is not over for England and the United States—Will Irwin in the Saturday Evening Post.

## Beets in England.

For several years Great Britain has experimented with the sugar beet, but now, facing a sugar shortage and with the need of making the country less dependent upon foreign supply, the government is taking an official concern in the possibilities of this industry. Accordingly, the government has made a loan toward the creation of a sugar-beet factory near Newark, capable of dealing with a large daily tonnage. The British Sugar Beet Growers' society has purchased land, and it is hoped that this area, with additional land in the vicinity cultivated by separate farmers, will produce 80,000 tons of beets per year, which should yield 11,000 tons of sugar.

## Woman Smokers in Wales.

A woman was seen smoking a pipe in a Swansea by-street the other day, and seemed to be enjoying it hugely; of course, this is not quite a new thing. Some old ladies, especially of Irish extraction, have enjoyed their weed in that way for many years past. But it was the way in which this was done which surprised the public. As a matter of fact, in London some women have gone in for cigarettes and pipes in their homes and in the women's clubs there is a rule that pipes are not permitted has been quietly rescinded in favor of the male visitors, who now smoke vigorously without complaint.—Cardiff Western Mail.

## Machine for Opening Letters.

With the whole tendency of modern business toward centralization, to say nothing of the enormous growth of the mail-order houses, the daily mail problem is a gigantic one to the efficiency experts. A new machine has been put on the market to open letters which is said to break all previous records. It does the work by shaving off an exceedingly thin slice of the edge of each envelope, exactly thicker than the paper itself. It is impossible to cut an inclosure by this method. The chief feature of the machine is its speed. In a recent test run it opened 9,000 letters an hour for an eight-hour stretch.

## Happily Married.

"He's happily married."  
"So?"  
"Yes, he thinks marriage is going to exempt him from war service."—Detroit Free Press.

## Puns on People's Names.

Some years ago a popular form of social amusement was found in punning on people's names. "Why did So-and-so?" "Because Such-and-such." The originator of the fashion was no less notable a person than the Quaker poet, John Greenleaf Whittier. On a lecturer named Mary Grew, visiting Boston in 1871, Whittier wrote a poem, "How Mary Grew," each stanza ending on a variation of the pun:

The world were safe if but a few  
Could grow in grace as Mary Grew.

## ANCIENT LEGEND MADE GOOD

Russian Women Fighting With the Desperation Said to Have Animated Amazon Warriors.

Legend tells of an ancient nation of female warriors, the Amazons, who were said to have lived in Pontus, near the shore of the Euxine sea, where they maintained an independent government under the rule of a queen. These hardy women, so runs the tale, carried war into many neighboring countries, including Scythia and Thrace, and to the coasts of Asia Minor, even penetrating to Arabia and Egypt. They were seldom made to swallow the bitter potion of defeat.

Now, according to the war cables from Petrograd, women are again taking her place in battle. The "Death Battalion" in the Russian army on the eastern front, reports say, is full in the fight and is acquiring itself heroically. We read such lines as "Eisen Mite, Vera Butchikoff has been sent to hospital suffering from shell shock," and "the 'Death Battalion' rushed forward, firing their rifles with deadly effect."

It is a strange situation in Russia which finds women standing fast under fire, and thousands of men turning their backs to the foe and delivering over their own soil. If these traitors are capable of shame, the spectacle of women fighting their battles for them must sink deep into their souls.—Cincinnati Times-Star.

## UNEXPLORED LAND IN CANADA

Vast Areas, Both in Ontario and Quebec, Where Surveying Parties Have Never Been.

A very common impression held even by Canadians is that there is little Canadian territory left to explore except on the Arctic islands. But as far back as 1899 Dr. George Dawson had calculated that there were then about 1,000,000 square miles of unexplored territory in western Canada, the rest lying in the provinces of Ontario and Quebec.

Mr. Charles Cammell of the geological survey of Canada has quite recently revised Dr. Dawson's estimate, reaching for western Canada the figures of about 612,000 square miles, while the unexplored area of northern Quebec is represented by 250,000 square miles.

The total area of Canada is reckoned at 3,725,000 square miles, of which 529,800 square miles are embraced in the islands of the Arctic ocean. The unexplored area (Cammell figures) of 861,800 square miles represents almost 28 per cent of the total area of the country.

## Starvation Wiping Out Warsaw.

Warsaw under German rule is becoming a morgue. Starvation is on every side. This is the gist of a letter received the other day in New York, the accuracy of which is vouched for by the Zionist committee. The letter says:

"Death from starvation is a real fact; it is witnessed all over here, in every street, at every step, in every house. Jewish mothers—mothers of mercy—feel happy to see their nursing babies die, for at least the infants are through with suffering. Our wealthiest people cut off their daughters' hair, to be able to buy the indispensable things, like bread, for their dying children. Four and five-year-old children must be carried in the arms like babies. Should America not aid us we will be lost. Fathers, should they return from the battlefield, will meet their five or six children who kissed them good-by when they left, only one or two."

## Royal Names.

Nicholas Romanoff is the name by which the late czar is mentioned in the Russian papers. But it may be doubted whether this is a correct use of the word Romanoff, because monarchs, who sign by their Christian names only, are not supposed to have surnames. In the early days, when both surnames and customs were in the making, they did not need them, and, except in case of dethronement, and not always then, they have never needed them since. Contrary to popular belief, Plantagenet was not a surname. Tudor may have been one, and Stuart certainly was. But Gough was not; and so good an authority as Mr. Fox-Davies holds that the present king of England has no surname at all. Less learned authorities have been perplexed to know whether the descendants of Queen Victoria did not inherit the surname of their father, the Prince Consort.

## "Artificial Sunshine" for Crops.

Among the efforts being made by England to get better crops, on account of the threatened food crisis, one of the most interesting is an experiment in growing cereals and other field crops with the aid of "artificial sunshine," provided by overhead electric current. This experiment, under the supervision of V. H. Blackman, professor of plant physiology and pathology at South Kensington, is being carried out at Hurlingham Court farm, near Hereford. The purpose of the experiments is to continue on a large scale work done during the last few years near Dunfermlie, where in 1916 an increase of about 50 per cent in grain and 85 per cent in straw was obtained on a crop of oats.

## Plenty of Space.

"Well, Bill, did you plant the potatoes far apart, as I told you?"  
"Yes, I did. I planted some in your garden and some in mine, so they are two miles apart."

## A Hair's Breadth.

Measurement by less than a hair's breadth now has a definite meaning in machine shops. In all of the large shops there are instruments that will measure the thickness of a cigarette paper, much thinner than a hair. An inch can be divided into 10,000 parts, and seventeen of these parts will make a "hair's breadth." Some of the most delicate measurements are made at the government gun factory at Washington, where many of the great guns for the army and navy are manufactured.

## RIVERDALE NEWS

By Our Own Correspondent

Mrs. Robert Zinn of Alma, Mrs. Patrick O'Brien and daughter Katie of St. Louis were guests of Mrs. Carrie Trece Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Glen Rose were entertained at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Williams Wednesday.

Mrs. Jasper Norton spent the week-end in Edmore with her mother, Mrs. S. Hewes.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Seofield were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Erskin, near Vestaburg.

Mrs. David Dutt returned Friday from her two weeks' visit with relatives at Saginaw and Durand.

James McDonald of Saginaw was a business caller in town Tuesday.

A very large crowd from Riverdale and vicinity attended the moving picture show at the rink Saturday evening to see "Uncle Tom's Cabin," by Harriet Beecher Stowe. This was one of the best pictures ever shown in Riverdale. Mr. Johnson has other films coming equally as satisfactory as "Uncle Tom's Cabin."

The Red Cross Society met at the home of Mrs. John Young last Wednesday afternoon. The ladies are busy knitting socks and other articles for the U. S. soldiers. There are nearly a hundred members in Riverdale and vicinity, but the attendance was extremely poor. If all would come and do their part, the meetings would be more prosperous.

The first number on the lecture course was given Tuesday evening at the Deener Opera House. It was a musical entertainment given by the Tyrolean Alpine Singers and Yodlers, and was very much enjoyed by the large crowd who attended.

Marion Connard of Saginaw spent the past week with his parents south-east of town.

Word was received by Mr. and Mrs. Reuben King that their son Roy, who has been stationed at Houston, Texas, for the past three months, expects to leave for France in a day or two.

Mrs. Royal Erskin spent last Saturday and Sunday with her husband at Battle Creek.

Claude McFarren of Shepherd was in town Friday evening on business. Miss Bertha Heilsinger of Alma spent Saturday and Sunday with her sister, Mrs. Oliver Jacques.

Mrs. Wm. La Fugh spent the past week at Crystal Lake.

Mrs. Jack Evans and grandson, Joseph Guthrie, of Alma, were in Riverdale Saturday.

Miss Julia La Fugh of Elwell spent the week-end with her cousin, George La Fugh, and wife.

Mr. and Mrs. James Fisher were Sunday visitors at the home of Harry Fisher, near Sumner.

G. Allen of Wheeler was a business caller in town Tuesday.

A. J. Sutton of Alma was a Riverdale caller Saturday.

The Misses Tella and Helen Van Alstine were home from Mt. Pleasant Normal over Sunday.

Chas. Nunn and Alfred Loeck attended the football game in Alma Saturday.

Charlie Horton, who is attending school at Ferris Institute, Big Rapids, spent Saturday and Sunday with his parents.

Mrs. W. E. Swope and daughter, Doretta, were in Alma Friday shopping.

Mr. and Mrs. James Wiltshire of Alma were over-Sunday guests of George Wiltshire and family.

Miss Thelma Howe of Bustumut was a week-end guest of Mrs. Elmer Welsh.

Dr. Highfield was in Mt. Pleasant Thursday attending the Gratiot-Isabella County Medical Society.

Jack Mohlo and son Donald spent Sunday at St. Johns, guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Cleland.

Rev. George Brown and wife and Mrs. L. A. Carmer were guests of Mrs. J. Phillips, near Elwell, Friday.

Mrs. E. M. Highfield spent Monday in Sumner a guest of Mrs. Dr. Graham.

Mrs. J. W. Mathews of Shepherd was an over-Sunday guest of Mrs. Nettie Rose.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Manley and children visited relatives in Vestaburg Saturday.

Roy Davenport of Alma was in town Wednesday evening on business.

Leo Going of Shelby was an over-Sunday visitor of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Going.

Mrs. W. Bradley and son Forest were in St. Louis Sunday, guests of Mrs. Carrie Tallon and family.

Lyle Follette of Alma attended the roller skating rink Wednesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. F. Johnson of near St. Thomas, Ont., are guests of Jack Johnson and family.

D. M. Smith has accepted a position at the Republic Truck Co. in Alma.

A. J. Looken was in Saginaw last week on business.

Bert Hagerman is driving a new Ford.

Mrs. Jack Mohlo returned Monday from her two weeks' visit with relatives at Detroit and St. Johns.

F. W. Hooper of Alma was a business caller in town Tuesday.

Jack Heilsinger of Alma was a Riverdale caller Wednesday evening.

Miss Esther Horton spent Sunday near Elwell, a guest of Miss Mary Mallory.

Mrs. Nettie Rose and son Leon spent Thursday in Shepherd, guests of Mrs. J. W. Mathews.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Kellicott visited relatives at Vestaburg Sunday.

## SUMNER

Charles Rosenburg passed away at his home east of town Sunday evening, October 14.

Mrs. May Tomlin is on the sick list. Mr. Ward of Owosso was a business caller Monday.

Bert Mangus was at Grand Rapids Wednesday and Thursday.

Mrs. Anna Graham and Mrs. Nellie Reboon were at Carson City shopping Wednesday.

William Duvell and family visited at the home of Amos Buttons Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hicks of Forest Hill visited their parents Thursday and Friday.

A. E. Tomlin is improving. He was at Ithaca Saturday.

Phillip Hicks is at Forest Hill assisting his son Frank with his fall work.

Mrs. Henry Soule of Alma was in town Thursday selling Liberty bonds and soliciting a representative for this territory to look after the work.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Omans have returned from their visit at Clinton county.

Dr. and Mrs. Graham were business callers at Alma Saturday. Dr. Graham takes Dr. Gardner's office on Monday morning. He will move his family to Alma as soon as he can find a suitable location.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Miller of Alma are spending a few weeks at her parents' home, Mr. and Mrs. L. S. Newsbarn.

Bernard and Ford Graham spent the week-end with their grandparents near Crystal.

The wives of the Odd Fellows of this place served supper Saturday evening, it being the fourth anniversary of the organization. Frank Black was initiated into the order, after which all enjoyed the refreshments, and a social time was enjoyed by all.

Charles A. Booth is the delegate from this lodge to the state convention of the I. O. O. F. held at St. Joseph this week. He left Saturday evening for Grand Rapids.

He will spend Sunday with his sister at Kalamazoo and will spend a few days in Chicago and other points before his return home. Ralph Holcomb is carrying the mail on Route No. 1 during Mr. Booth's absence.

Alfred Stearns and family of Stanton visited relatives here Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Fullerton of Jackson, Mr. and Mrs. Rolla Laner and son of Fowler and Mr. and Mrs. George Clum and daughters of Alma with Mr. and Mrs. Warren Pugsley and son of Elwell, motored here Sunday to help Henry Clow celebrate his 73rd birthday. A very pleasant home gathering was enjoyed by all. They left wishing him many returns of the day.

Mrs. Huldah Mangus returned Saturday evening from Grand Rapids, where she has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. Glen Marvin, and family for the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Graham and son Gerald of Maple Rapids have been spending a few days visiting relatives.

Mrs. Jessie Wolford of Alma was a Sunday guest of Mr. and Mrs. Allen Stafford.

Sarah Pelton visited her mother Saturday night and Sunday.

Frank J. Tucker of Alma transacted business here Monday.

Jess Wolford entertained his two daughters from Alma Sunday at the home of his mother, Mrs. Emily Wolford.

Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Tucker entertained at their home Sunday Mr. and Mrs. Harry Graham and son Gerald of Maple Rapids and Henry Long, north of town.

Mrs. Bertha Cleverdon was at Alma shopping Saturday.

Adia Cleverdon, Gerald Graham, Miss Mildred Harvey and Mildred Cleverdon attended the football game at Alma Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. James Fisher of Riverdale were Saturday callers.

Charles Smith, east of town, had the misfortune to get kicked in the face Saturday evening while caring for his horses.

Ora Newsbaum and his young friend are enjoying their new Ford car.

Will Peck and lady friend were Sunday guests at his father's home.

Mrs. Anna Graham entertained at her home Sunday her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Mulford, of Crystal.

**Sour Stomach**

Eat slowly, masticate your food thoroughly, abstain from meat for a few days and in most cases the sour stomach will disappear. If it does not, take one of Chamberlain's Tablets immediately after supper. Red meats are most likely to cause sour stomach and you may find it best to eat them out.

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## Exposing A FRAUD

During the past few days several men have canvassed the city of Alma, taking orders and delivering Bed Blankets. In the several instances coming under our observation these blankets were represented to be all-wool or 3-4 wool, as a matter of fact the blankets we have inspected do not contain a thread of wool and presumably this is the case with every pair disposed of.

The blankets used for the purpose of duping local housewives are what are known as "Wool-Knap" or "Wool Finish" and contain nothing but cotton, specially treated.

In most cases these goods were sold on the installment plan, and we earnestly advise every person who bought one or more pairs of these blankets on the salesman's statement that they were "mostly" wool or all wool, to do one of two things:

## Refuse to Keep the Goods

And demand the return of whatever payment you have made, or

## Insist on a Reduction of Not Less Than One-third of the Purchase Price

Inasmuch as these goods were purchased by you, in good faith, as WOOL, you are entirely within your rights by taking either of the above methods in securing justice.

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